

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2272

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection, February 21, 2012

Title: An act relating to antifreeze products.

Brief Description: Concerning antifreeze products.

Sponsors: House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representative Appleton).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/13/12, 57-41.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 2/20/12, 2/21/12 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Holmquist Newbry, Ranking Minority Member; King, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Keiser and Kline.

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Background: Engine coolant and antifreeze manufactured or distributed in Washington that contains more than 10 percent ethylene glycol must contain denatonium benzoate as an aversive agent to render it unpalatable. The necessary amount of the aversive agent is specified in statute. This requirement applies to manufacturers, packagers, distributors, recyclers, and sellers of engine coolant or antifreeze, but does not apply to those who install engine coolant or antifreeze for compensation. It also does not apply to the sale of a motor vehicle containing engine coolant or antifreeze or to wholesale containers of 55 gallons or more of engine coolant or antifreeze. Manufacturers, packagers, distributors, recyclers, and sellers are not liable for injury caused by inclusion of the aversive agent.

A manufacturer who is subject to the aversive agent requirement must maintain a record of the trade name, scientific name, and active ingredients of any aversive used and must make this information available to the public upon request.

The Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures Program and city sealers have authority to enforce these requirements.

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Summary of Bill: Wholesale containers of engine coolant and antifreeze of 55 gallons or more must contain an aversive agent to render the antifreeze or engine coolant unpalatable.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.